OMAMORI HIMARI

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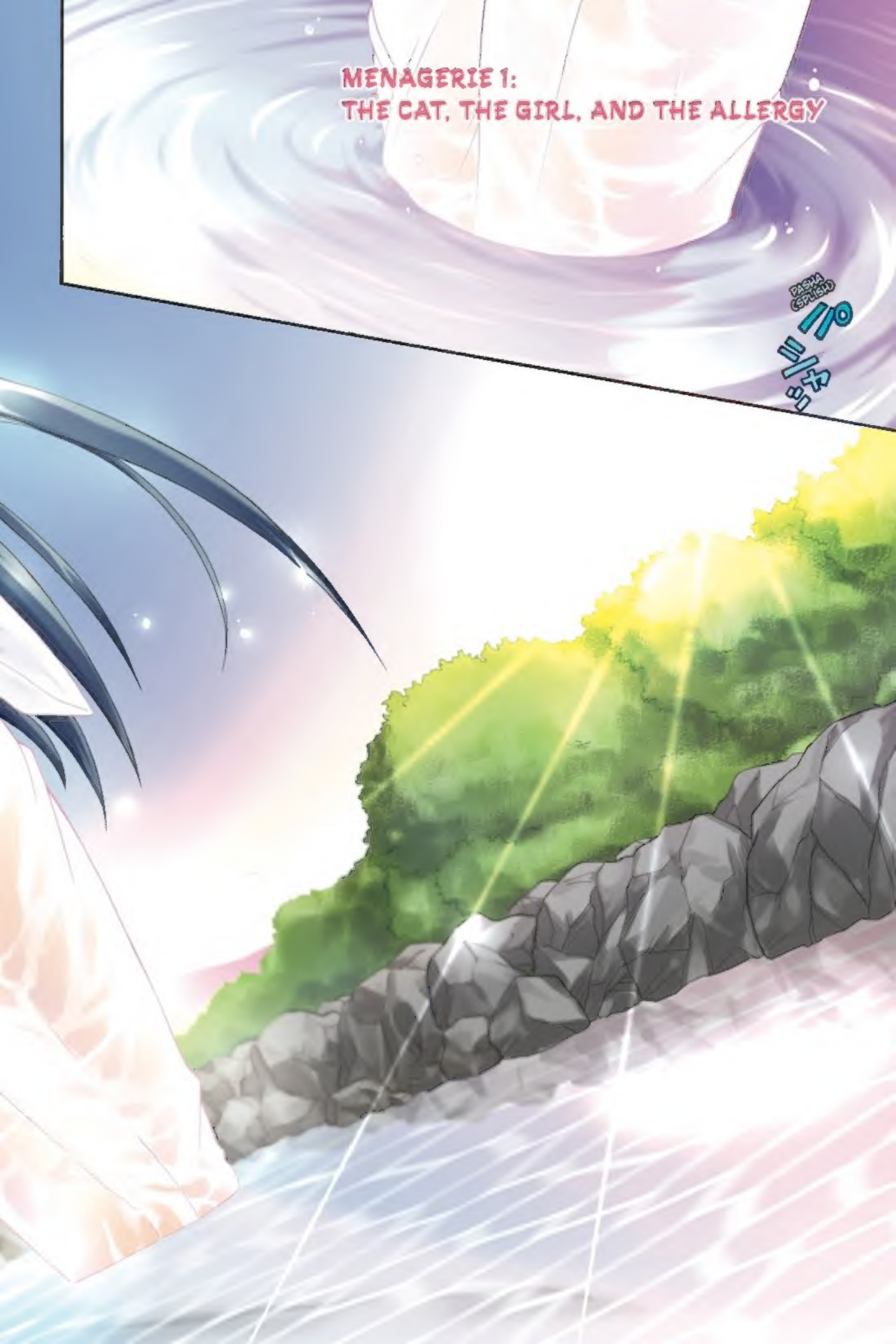
MENAGERIE 1:
THE CAT, THE GIRL, AND THE ALLERGY
PASHA (SPLISH)
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SIXTEEN YEARS.....
SO THE TIME HAS COME...
I SHALL FULFILL MY PLEDGE...
JUST WAIT...
AH! HA! HAAA!
BAN (SLAM)
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ん。
NN.....
GOOD MORNING, YUUTO-KUN! RISE AND SHIIIIINE!

KUH! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE DOESN'T EVEN APPRECIATE HOW LUCKY HE IS TO BE ABLE TO WAKE UP TO MY CUTE RINKO-CHAN VOICE...
UHHN...
(GORO ROLL)
.....
COME ON, WAKE UP!!
HEY! WAKE UP!
SNERK... UGHN...
DOSU (THWUMP)
!!
GASHI (GRAB)
...I'LL RAIN DOWN SO MANY PUNCHES ON YOU FROM THIS MOUNTED POSITION, IT'LL BE A FIRST-ROUND TKO!
YOU BETTER GET UP RIGHT NOW, OR...
MEOW.

WHA...? S-STOP IT, YUUTO! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR HANDS ...!?
GYUUUU (SQUEEEEZE)
KAAA (BLUSH)
UN...
I-I-I- I'M NOT READY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS YET...!

...HNN, YOU'RE NOT RINKO, SHE'S NOT THIS HEAVY...
MUMBLE
!!!
BIKI (TWITCH)
HEH... HEH-HEH-HEH...
RANMARU!!
BIKU (TWITCH)
HMPH.
SIC HIM!!
BA (JUMP)

BECHA (SPLAT)
MEOW!
UGH...
JIJU (SNIFFLE)
GUSHU
GUSHU (WIPE)
GYAAAAUGH!!
MEOW!
MEOW!
THAT WAS MEAN...
TOTALLY EVIL!

ZURU (SNIFF)
ズル…
YOU KNOW I'M ALLERGIC TO CATS, AND STILL YOU WENT AND PUT ONE ON MY FACE! ARE YOU CRAZY?
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR HURTING A SWEET LITTLE GIRL'S HEART.
YOU CRACKED IT MORE THAN FIVE CENTIME-TERS!
GRRR! YOU'RE SIXTEEN YEARS OLD NOW! WHY DON'T YOU GROW UP AND ADMIT WHEN YOU'RE WRONG !?
THAT DOESN'T SEEM TOO BAD.
HAVE I BEEN CODDLING YOU OR SOME-THING!?
SIX-TEEN ...?
OH YEAH!
YUP. YOU'RE SIXTEEN TODAY, RIGHT?
KURUN (TWIRL)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, YUUTO! ♡
GOSO (RUSTLE)
YUUTO AMA-KAWA, SIX-TEEN YEARS OLD.

*AN OMAMORI IS AN AMULET OFTEN SOLD AT SHRINES AND TEMPLES, USED TO BRING GOOD LUCK OR PROTECT AGAINST EVIL.
IT'S BEEN SEVEN YEARS SINCE I LOST MY PARENTS...
IT'S BEEN SAD, BUT I'VE NEVER FELT LONELY...
BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS HAD MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND RINKO AND HER PARENTS LOOKING OUT FOR ME.
AND...
IS THAT THE OMAMORI* CHARM YOU GOT FROM YOUR GRAND-MOTHER?
UH, YEAH.
WHEN I FIRST STARTED WEARING IT, I FELT KIND OF TENSE...
BUT NOT ANY-MORE.
I WONDER IF MY BODY'S JUST GOTTEN USED TO IT. AH-HA-HA.
YUUTO AMAKAWA, I PRE-SUME?
DON'T MAKE FUN OF AN OMAMORI!
THE GODS WILL PUNISH YOU!

WHO ARE YOU...?
HMM...
SU (SLIDE)
YOU HAVE GROWN TO BE QUITE A MAN.
!
BUT ARE YOU TRULY A MAN ON THE INSIDE TOO?
HMM?
PHOO

LATE! WE'RE GONNA BE LATE! SEE YA LATER!!
PYUUUUU (SHOOOOOM)
WH-WHA!?
WHOA.
HEH HEH...
THEN WHAT WAS THAT?
A DREAM? ...NO, COULDN'T HAVE BEEN. RINKO SAW IT TOO.
PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 76 IN YOUR TEXT-BOOK...

.....
SHE WAS MORE "PRETTY" THAN "CUTE," I'D SAY...
BUT I WONDER WHO SHE WAS ...?
キーン
KIIIN (DING)
コーン
KOOON (DONG)
カーン
KAAAN (DING)
IT'S OVER!
YAAAY!
TIME TO EAT!
HEY YUUTO, LET'S GO GRAB SOME GRUB!
WE GOTTA HURRY OR THERE WON'T BE ANY SEATS LEFT.
SOUNDS GOOD, TAIZOU. I'LL BE RIGHT TH—
GASH (GRAB)
HEY, KUZAKI?
WAH... AUGH...
SUTA (MARCH)
SUTA

WHAT?
N-NOTHING...
DOYOON (LOOM)
どよーん...
ZURU (DRAG)
ZURU
ZURU
AAAGH
ああああ...
...ARE THEY HAVING A LOVERS' SPAT AGAIN?
...SO, HAVE YOU FINISHED SEARCHING YOUR BRAIN YET?
OH WELL.
BOUF (WHOOSH)
ほ!!
ふう...

DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME! THAT GIRL WE SAW THIS MORNING!! YOU KNOW HER, DON'T YOU!?
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...?
DAAA (LUNGE)
NO, I HAVE NO IDEA WHO SHE IS—
YEAH, RIGHT!!
I HEARD HER! SHE SAID "YUUTO AMAKAWA."
Y-YOU KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT SCHOOL UNI-FORMS?
WELL, I'VE SEEN A LOT OF DIFFERENT UNIFORMS AT MEETS AND STUFF...
I'M NOT OBSESSED OR ANYTHING
I SEE..
AND JUDGING FROM THAT UNIFORM, SHE DOESN'T GO TO ANY SCHOOL AROUND HERE.
SHE MUST'VE COME FROM PRETTY FAR AWAY.
IT IS WEIRD, THOUGH.
IF IT'S NOT A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY, THEN I MUST'VE MET HER SOMEHOW A LONG TIME AGO...

NOT THAT I WOULD FORGET SUCH A CUTE GIRL, THOUGH...
GAH!
GYASH! (GRAB)
NO WAY! IF I HAD ONE, SHE WOULD HAVE SHOWN UP SEVEN YEARS AGO!
SHE'S NOT SOME FIANCÉE THAT YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME ABOUT, RIGHT~?
KIPPARI (FLAT-OUT)
I GOT IT! MAYBE OUR PARENTS ARRANGED OUR MARRIAGE WHEN WE WERE LITTLE AND SHE'S MY FIANCÉE!?
SHE DID HAVE AN OLD-FASHIONED WAY OF SPEAKING
TAIZOU, I THOUGHT YOU WENT TO THE CAFETERIA...
PA (DROP)
!
ZA (SKSH)

DESCEN-
DANT...
...I'VE
FOUND
YOU...
ZOKU
(SHIVER)
BA
(BWSH)
ZA
(SKSH)
MA-
SAKI-
KUN?
WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
TAIZOU?
...
AMA-
KAWA
...

WAUGH!!
AAAUGH!?
BASHI (BAM)
OWWW... TAIZOU!?
YORO (STAGGER)
HYUU (WHOOSH)
THIS ISN'T LIKE MASAKI-KUN AT ALL...
WHAT DID YOU DO, YUUTO?
YOU DID SOMETHING STUPID AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!!
...I FIND A DESCENDANT OF THE AMA-KAWAS, AND IT'S SOME BRAT WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF BLOOD RUNS THROUGH HIS OWN VEINS...
BUT DON'T WORRY, I WON'T DRAG THIS OUT LONG. I'LL SLAUGHTER YOU AND EAT YOUR INSIDES RIGHT NOW!

ZA (ZWD)
ZA
I SHALL ALLOW NO SUCH THING.
TON (TMD)

THAT MAN...
...IS MINE.

Y-YOU'RE ...!!
AAAUGH! THE GIRL WHO TRIED TO SEDUCE YUUTO THIS MORNING !?
BI (DOINK)
GYU (CLENCH)
DO NOT BOTHER.
THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO.
SUA (SHIK)
I DO NOT GIVE MY NAME TO THIRD-RATE AYAKASHI* SUCH AS YOU.
WHO'RE YOU?

*THE TERM AYAKASHI REFERS TO SOMETHING STRANGE, SUSPICIOUS, OR MYSTERIOUS, SUCH AS A SPIRIT, GHOST, SPECTER, DEMON, OR SUPERNATURAL CREATURE.

I DRAW MY BLADE ON NONE BUT AYA-KASHI.
CHA (CHAK)
I CUT DOWN NONE BUT AYAKASHI!
EEEK! IS THAT THING REAL?
WHOA, WHOA, HOLD ON!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH THAT SWORD?
HE'S MY FRIEND! STOP IT!
I WAS RAISED IN THE MOUNTAINS, SO I AM AFRAID MY BODY IS NOT ACCUSTOMED TO THE AIR IN THIS CITY YET.
I AM A LITTLE TOO FATIGUED TO HOLD BACK.

IN-TER-EST-ING.
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME, THEN GO AHEAD AND TRY.
VERY WELL.
DA (DASH)
URGH!
I TOLD YOU TO STOP...
ZASHI (GRAB)
...IT...?
GYUU (GRAB)
KAAAA (BLUUUSH)
かあああ
MUNI (SQUISH)
MUNI

S-SO SOFT. ...HUH?
PIN (FLIP)
WHA ...?
POKON (POP)
MUNYUUUU (SQUISH)
M-MIND YOUR HANDS!
OOF
GOGA (KAPOW)
CHAKI (GLINT)
KURU (FLIP)
BOKO (BAKOW)
!!
DON (WHAM)

WHAT!?
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MOWA (WAFT)
DOSU (SLRK)
GREEE!!
BA (BWSH)
TAN (TAP)
DAN (STOMP)
WHY DID MY ALLERGIES JUST START ACTING UP...?
BOY, THEY SURE WERE BIG... ♡

...THAT DANGEROUS SAMURAI GIRL YOU JUST HUGGED, RIGHT?
OH, YUUTO-KUUU~N. YOU WILL TELL ME ABOUT...
R-RINKO-SAN, I HAD TO DO IT TO SAVE TAIZOU...
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SOME MYSTERIOUS GIRL SHOWED UP, TAIZOU STARTED ACTING STRANGE...
...AND RINKO WAS... WELL, RINKO, I GUESS.
HAAH...I'M EXHAUSTED.
OH YEAH, TODAY'S MY BIRTHDAY...
HAAH... I'M GOING TO BED.
RETIRING SO SOON?
MOSO (WRIGGLE)
WHAT ...?

EEEEEEEEK...
HOW DARE YOU SCREAM AS THOUGH YOU HAVE SEEN A VILE BEAST...
...WHEN A LOVELY GIRL SUCH AS MYSELF WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF VISITING YOU AT NIGHT.
YOU MIGHT AT LEAST EXPRESS A BIT OF APPRECIATION.
H-HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE ...?
KAA (BLUSH)
EEK!
.....

N-NO, NOT AT ALL ...I-I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE ...!!
MOZO (WRIGGLE)
BY CHANCE, WERE YOU ... ...JUST RECALLING THIS AFTER-NOON?
...WE MAY CONTINUE WHERE WE LEFT OFF.
IF IT IS YOUR WISH...
PUNI (PLMP)
WAIT ...
PECHA (LICK)
WH-WHA? H-HEY...
ZURU (SLIDE)
IF YOU SO DESIRE ME... NNH...
WHA ...?
BO (DAZE)

HOLD IT, WILL YOU!?
GABA (GRAB)
H...
AH.
UHN ...
PECHA (LICK)
CHU (SUCK)

... VERY WELL.
YOU COULD AT LEAST GIVE ME AN EXPLA-NATION!
IT'S KIND OF A SHAME, THOUGH!
HUFF!
HUFF!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE?

.....
WHY ARE YOU TAKING MY CLOTHES OFF!?
PUCHI (SNAP)
!

HUH?
I THOUGHT AS MUCH. IT HAS DRIED UP.
BUT IT COULD ONLY ENDURE UNTIL YOU CAME OF AGE...IN OTHER WORDS, UNTIL YOUR SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY, WHICH IS TODAY.
THIS OMAMORI HARBORED A PROTECTIVE SPIRIT.
YOU ARE NOW DEFENSELESS.
YOUR OMAMORI HAS COMPLETED ITS DUTY, BUT DO NOT WORRY.
MY... BLOOD?
SUCH IS THE FATE YOUR BLOOD HAS BESTOWED UPON YOU.
GUNYUN (SQUISH)
LISTEN CAREFULLY. FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, YOU ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER MORE AYAKASHI LIKE THE ONE THAT APPEARED TODAY.

AS I HAD PLEDGED... NO, EVEN IF I HAD NOT SO PLEDGED IT, I WOULD STILL PROTECT YOU.
I SHALL NEVER LEAVE YOUR SIDE, YOUNG LORD.
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DOKI (BADUMP)

BUT EVEN IF IT HAD NOT BEEN REQUESTED OF ME, I WOULD STILL...
KUTE SLUMP
"PLEDGE" ...?
ONE I MADE LONG AGO.
I HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO TAKE ON THIS DUTY BY YOUR GRANDFATHER.
FORGIVE ME... I AM TIRED.
H-HEY...!
I HAVE UNDERGONE A LONG JOURNEY, AS WELL AS THAT BATTLE...
MY APOLOGIES FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTINUE...
...BUT PLEASE LET ME REST FOR TODAY.
...BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME THE MOST IMPORTANT PART.
WHO... ARE YOU?

I AM AN AYAKASHI TOO. I AM A CUTE CAT... ♡
NYAAAA (MEOW)
HIMARI.

HUH... WAIT, YOU'RE... A CAT...?
AND NOW... I MUST SLEEP.
ZZZ
PUWA (PUFF)

YUUTO AMAKAWA (ALLERGIC TO CATS)
THE NIGHT OF HIS SIXTEENTH BIRTHDAY BEGAN WITH HIM SHARING HIS BED WITH A CAT-GIRL.
URAAAARGH!!
HACK!
KOFF! KOFF!!

MENAGERIE 2:
THE OMAMORI CAT PRINCESS

GACHA (GCHAK)
CHUN (CHIRP)
CHUN
GOOD MORN-ING!
HEY, DON'T COME IN, RANMARU. YOU'LL SET OFF YUUTO'S ALLERGIES.
MEOW
SO IT'S MY JOB TO LOOK AFTER HIM.
MY NEIGHBOR AND CHILDHOOD FRIEND YUUTO DOESN'T HAVE ANY RELATIVES.
FIRST, I WAKE HIM UP EVERY MORNING.
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S JUST THE BASICS OF BEING A CHILD-HOOD FRIEND.

NN...
YOU'D BETTER GET UP, OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR...
GACHA (GCHAK)
MORNING, YUUTO! ♡
ZZZZ...
...SCHOOL...
BOFU (BWHAM)
BA (BWSH)
...YOU TWO!?
WHA-WHA-WHA-WHA-WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING...

HUH ...?
BASA (RUSTLE)
TAN (TMP)
JIWA (TEARY)
KUJU (SNIFFLE)
YOU ARE THAT WENCH FROM YESTER-DAY...
UGH ...
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT AT SUCH AN EARLY HOUR?

SFX: GIRO (GLARE)
LET HIM GO!
NOW, DO NOT GET UPSET, YOUNG LORD.
RI-RINKO, TH-THIS IS, UH...
WAUGH!
YU~U~TO~ ...
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
...AND IN THAT EMBARRASSING COSPLAY GETUP TOO!?
WH-WHAT IS WITH YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN YUUTO'S ROOM...
HIS EYES ARE WATERY AND HIS NOSE IS RUNNING... ALLERGIES!?
BUYU (SWISH)
OH HO ...
YOU THINK THAT MY EARS AND TAIL ARE PHONY?
HEY, I JUST REALIZED... WHY DO YOU HAVE CAT EARS!?
AND A TAIL TOO!?

HMPH...NO MATTER.
I NEEDED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE YOUNG LORD ANYWAY.
I FELL ASLEEP YESTERDAY
THE YOUNG LORD IS UNAWARE OF THIS, BUT EVER SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, THE AMAKAWA FAMILY HAS BEEN ONE OF THE TWELVE DEMON-SLAYING FAMILIES THAT PROTECT THE HUMAN WORLD FROM AYAKASHI.
EXORCISTS. DEMON HUNTERS. CALL THEM WHATEVER YOU WOULD LIKE.
THE ANCIENT GOVERNMENT WAS RELENTLESS WHEN IT CAME TO THE CREATURES THAT HUMANS DUBBED AYAKASHI.
AND IN THE BATTLES THAT RESULTED, A LARGE NUMBER OF DEMON SLAYERS AND DEMONS SLAUGHTERED ONE ANOTHER.
MANY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THE AYAKASHI THAT SURVIVED STILL LOATHE THE DEMON HUNTERS.
I WONDER IF THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE ONE THAT POSSESSED TAIZOU YESTERDAY ...

HE DID NOT ANNIHILATE THE AYAKASHI, BUT SUBDUED IT INSTEAD...
...EVEN THOUGH DOING SO VIOLATED HIS LOYALTY TOWARD THE AUTHORITIES AT THE TIME.
HOWEVER, ONE OF THE HEADS OF THE AMAKAWA FAMILY CHOSE COMPASSION OVER REWARD.

THE AYAKASHI HE SPARED WAS MY ANCES-TOR.
YOU MEAN ...?

IN A WAY, THAT HURTS, RINKO...
UUGH..
GET REAL!
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT YUUTO'S A DEMON HUNTER? SOME SORT OF SUPER-HERO OR SOME-THING?

NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE HERE!!
URGH ...
RIGHT THEN AND THERE, A PLEDGE WAS MADE BY WHICH MY ANCESTOR SWORE TO OBEY THE AMAKAWA FAMILY, EVEN UNTO FUTURE GENERATIONS.
STOP HANGING ALL OVER HIM!
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GYU (SQUEEZE)

TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

BUT GRANDPA GEN AND GRANDMA SAWA HAD ALWAYS TAKEN GOOD CARE OF ME.
PIKO (TWITCH)
PIKO
PIKO
IF THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS BY POWERFUL DEMONS AND AYAKASHI CONTINUES ITS DECLINE, THE DEMON SLAYERS SHALL NO LONGER BE NEEDED.
INDEED, I HAVE HEARD TALK THAT MOST OF THE TWELVE FAMILIES HAVE ALREADY CHOSEN, OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL, TO SEAL OFF THEIR POWERS AND HAVE BLENDED IN WITH THE MASSES.
YOU MEAN YUUTO'S GRAND-PARENTS ?
MY GRANDMA AND GRANDPA.
MY MOM AND DAD DID SAY THEY WERE STRANGE ...
HMM ...
(STARE)
CAT EARS... TAIL...
I AM FAMISHED..
SOME NONSENSE STORY...

BUT THAT'S NOT THE REAL PROBLEM! THE REAL PROBLEM IS YOU BEING WITH YUUTO!!
THAT IS THE PROB-LEM?
IT'S OKAY IF SHE'S A CAT YOU MEAN!?
SHE'S A CAT
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST SOME STUPID COSPLAY FREAK, BUT...
...SINCE YUUTO'S ALLERGIES ARE ACTING UP, THEN MAYBE YOU ARE THE REAL THING...
HAAH...
AND THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING ...
BAIIION (BWOOIING)
LOOK AT THOSE HUGE KNOCKERS! IT PISSES ME OFF!!
GU (CLENCH)
AH, WHY AM I CRYING?
SOMEDAY, THE YOUNG LORD SHALL MANIFEST THE POWER OF A DEMON SLAYER.
SU (SHEF)
BUT FOR THE PRESENT MOMENT... I SHALL PROTECT YOU.
HI-HIMARI...
DOKI (BADUMP)
GAGAN (GHOOK)

...WHY WOULD YOU GO THAT FAR FOR ME...?
I SHALL PROTECT YOU FROM ALL EVIL.
I SHALL BE YOUR SHADOW. AT TIMES, I SHALL BECOME YOUR SWORD. AT OTHER TIMES, I SHALL BECOME YOUR SHIELD.
IT'S MY DUTY TO SUPPORT YUUTO!
DOKA (WHAM)
HOLD IT, HOLD IT, HOLD IT!
WHAT, YOU ARE STILL HERE, WENCH?
I'VE BEEN HERE THE WHOLE TIME!
THE YOUNG LORD HAS ME.
BEHOLD, HE IS MOVED TO TEARS.
THAT'S BECAUSE OF HIS ALLERGIES, AND YOU KNOW IT!
YOU CAT! CAT! CAT! CAT!
WOULD YOU TWO PLEASE STOP...
LOOK AT THE TIME... WE'LL BE LATE!
HMPH
AH!

I KNOW THIS IS SUDDEN, BUT WE HAVE A NEW TRANSFER STUDENT STARTING TODAY.
HIMARI NOIHARA-SAN.
SHE MOVED TO TOWN WITH HER FAMILY AND WILL BE STUDYING HERE NOW.
I HOPE YOU'LL ALL TREAT HER NICELY.
SHE'S SUPER- ♡ CUTE!
YESSSS! SHE'S HOT!

I HAIL FROM YON COUNTRYSIDE, SO I MIGHT CAUSE YOU SOME DIFFICULTIES, BUT I DO HOPE THAT I CAN DEPEND UPON YOUR KINDNESS.
...I AM CALLED HIMARI NOIHARA.
NOIHARA...I THINK THAT'S WHERE MY GRANDPARENTS LIVED.
!
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su...
FORGET THE COUNTRY, IT'S LIKE SHE CAME RIGHT OUT OF OUR HISTORY BOOK.
WHOA, OLDFASHIONED ...
NOW, WHERE SHOULD YOU SIT...
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su... (SHFF)

I WOULD LIKE TO GET TO KNOW EVERYONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, SO I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST TO SIT RIGHT HERE, WHERE I CAN SEE EVERYONE FROM BEHIND.
WOULD YOU MIND YIELDING YOUR SEAT TO ME?
NIKO (SMILE)
S-SURE! PLEASE, TAKE IT!!
GATA (CLATTER)
THANK YOU KINDLY.
GATA
.....
I CAST A SPELL ON THIS AREA YESTERDAY ...
...SO THAT I WOULD BE MORE EASILY ACCEPTED HERE.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY DID YOU TRANSFER INTO OUR SCHOOL ...?
BOGO (WHISPER)

AH. Y-YES, MA'AM!
BAKI (SNAP)
GOOD.
THAT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SEAT.
AMAKAWA— HELP HER OUT UNTIL SHE GETS USED TO IT HERE.
MEKYO (SNEER)
ALL OF A SUDDEN, I FEEL LIKE I'M IN DANGER...
N-NOT GOOD.

I'M TAIZOU MASAKI. NICE TO MEET YOU! ♡
HEY, NOIHARA-SAN, IS THAT UNIFORM FROM YOUR OLD SCHOOL?
IT'S CUTE! ♡
WHAT KIND OF GUY DO YOU LIKE?
SHE'S PRETTY POPU-LAR...
EVEN TAIZOU LIKES HER
GUESS SHE'S CUTE WHEN SHE DOESN'T TALK.
WHAT IS THE MATTER, YOUNG LORD? YOU HAVE BEEN GAZING AT ME.
!!
GEH!!
YOUNG LORD -!?
WHAT'S THAT S'POSED TO MEAN...
ZAN (ZWP)
HEY, NEW GIRL!!

RINKO!
I'VE BEEN HERE THE WHOLE TIME!!
OH, YOU ARE HERE, WENCH?
GATA-T (CLATTER)

AND IF I WIN, YOU HAVE TO STAY AWAY FROM YUUTO!
I'M CALLING YOU OUT, HIMARI NOIHARA!
BA (BWSH)

...VERY WELL.
HEY~!
TCH!

WAIT, SO WHEN SHE SAID "YOUNG LORD," SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT YUUTO?
HUUUH? WHY?
.....
CRAP

...LISTEN TO ME!!
I LOOK FOR-WARD TO IT.
C-CALM DOWN, YOU TWO.
ALL RIGHT, THEN I CHALLENGE YOU TO A SPORTS BATTLE!
TABLE TENNIS
BASHI (BWSH)
KENDO
MEKO (TAP)
HIGH JUMP
NO WAY!
HUNDRED-METER DASH
BYUN (ZOOM)
SOCCER
BASKET-BALL
BOFU (BOPF)
TENNIS
DOKA (THWACK)

DO (THUD)

ZA (SKSH)
YOU DO NOT HAVE THE STRENGTH TO PROTECT THE YOUNG LORD.
!

SHE LOST...
NO WAY ...
RINKO'S THE STRONGEST MEMBER OF ANY OF THE SPORTS CLUBS, AND SHE GOT BEAT THAT EASY?
ARE YOU SERIOUS ...?

HOWEVER, I DO.
YOU SHOULD YIELD AND PULL OUT OF THIS COMPETITION.
GIRI (CLENCH)

!!
RINKO!?
YOU'RE JUST SOME MONSTER, SO DON'T GO STICK-ING YOUR NOSE INTO OUR BUSI-NESS!!
HOW DARE YOU TALK TO ME LIKE THAT! YOU'RE A CAT!
...INDEED, I DO ADMIT THAT YOUR WORDS RING TRUE.

HEY!
DA CRASH
...
I WONDER IF SHE'LL JOIN OUR CLUB?
HMM...
WOW..
SHE'S CERTAINLY AS ATHLETIC AS A MONSTER

PLEASE FORGIVE RINKO.

SHE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT.
IT'S JUST THAT YOU SHOWED UP, AND NOW SHE'S A LITTLE CONFUSED, THAT'S ALL.
IT DOES NOT BOTHER ME.
OH, OKAY... THAT'S GOOD.
...WHAT ABOUT YOU?
!
YOU HAVE AN AYAKASHI SUCH AS MYSELF FOLLOWING YOU AROUND.
DOES IT NOT TROUBLE YOU?

...I KNOW YOUR STORY ISN'T A LIE, HIMARI.
!
YOU'RE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT ME, JUST LIKE MY GRANDPARENTS WERE.

HOW COULD I POSSIBLY CHASE AWAY...
...A GIRL LIKE THAT?

...THEN CATCH ME.
TH-THAT'S DANGER-OUS...

HUH...? THIS SEEMS SO FAMILIAR...
DOSA (THWUMP)
YOU DO NOT RECALL, DO YOU?
YOUNG LORD—
...UM, COULD YOU PLEASE GET OFF ME NOW?
NO.

HEY, YOUR EARS ARE SHOWING! YOUR EARS!
WHAT OF IT? NARY A SOUL IS WATCHING. ♡
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NADE (PET)
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NADE
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FURI
FURI (WAVE)
HEH HEH HEH ...
WAIT, MY EYES ARE WATERING, MY NOSE IS RUN-NING...
AAAUGH!!
THE NEXT DAY.
HAAH... I HATE MYSELF~!
SFX: CHUN (CHIRP) CHUN

I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE...
MORNING, YUUTO~!
GACHA (GCHAK)
I'M TOTALLY HORRIBLE.
MEOW.
I CAN'T BELIEVE I SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY...
.....
HNN ... ♡
ZZZ
UUHN.. UUHN..
MOZO (SQUIRM)
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もぞ
MOZO
AAAAAUUUUGGH!
WAUGH! WHAT'S GOING ON, RINKO!?
BAKI (CRASH)
DOKA (WHUMP)
GUH!
OOF!!
...OH, YOU HAVE RETURNED AGAIN, RINKO?

MENAGERIE 3: THE CAT SWORDSWOMAN

CHA (CHAK)
O POISONOUS YET BEAUTIFUL FLOWER OF LIFE...
PRIME OF LIFE AND MOMENTARY DREAM...
ZASHA (ZSKSSH)
AND AMIDST THE FRENZY OF THY BLOOMING, LET THY BLOSSOMS SCATTER FLEETINGLY IN THE WIND!!
GREEE...
DON (DMM)
BLOOM WILDLY!
USHA (WSSH)
GREE!
GREE!
BASHA (BLRSH)

HMPH... HAVE YOU NO RESPONSE?
IS NO ONE HERE WHO IS SERIOUS ABOUT ATTACKING A DESCENDANT OF THE TWELVE FAMILIES OF OLD?
WHOA...
ZUBU (STAGGER)
HIMA...
!!
ZAN (SLICE)

CHAKI (CHAK)
I TIRE OF THIS.
IT BORES ME. IT DOES NOT SATISFY ME IN THE LEAST.
I ENJOY THE MOUNTAINS, AND IT WOULD BE PLEASANT TO HAVE NOT ANOTHER SOUL AROUND.
YES. INDEED.
I GUESS... SHE REALLY ISN'T HUMAN.
WHAT?
SHE DIDN'T EVEN NEED ME TO WARN HER...
THAT WAS YESTER-DAY...
YOU WANT TO GO TO A MOUNTAIN NEAR HERE, JUST THE TWO OF US?
JUST THE TWO OF US IN THE MOUNTAINS, ALONE, NO ONE ELSE AROUND...
THIS IS SETTING OFF SOME SERIOUS ALARM BELLS...
GOKU (GULP)

I DON'T THINK HIMARI IS THE TYPE TO TAKE ME AWAY AND EAT ME...
NAH, COULDN'T BE.
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NOGU CHAUNCH
IT WOULD NOT PLEASE YOU TO GO ON A DATE WITH ME?
D-DATE !?
NGU CCHEW?
NGU
TH-THEN AGAIN, GOING ON A PICNIC WITH A PRETTY GIRL LIKE HIMARI DOESN'T SOUND BAD AT ALL...
URGH ...
WHAT WOULD THAT BE CALLED, IF NOT A DATE?
HN?
A YOUNG GENTLEMAN AND LADY GOING ON A SUNDAY OUTING TO THE MOUNTAINS...

...OF COURSE, IT WAS JUST A JOKE.
SIGH...
...I JEST.
WAAAAUGH!!
C-CALM DOWN! SHE'S A CAT, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! A CAT!!
IT TURNS OUT I MAKE GOOD BAIT.
HIMARI DID TAKE ME TO A PLACE WITH NO ONE AROUND, BUT IT WAS TO LURE OUT THE AYAKASHI WHO ARE AFTER ME.
SHE'S DOING IT TO PROTECT ME, SO IT'S OKAY... I DON'T HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS.
...BUT...

...I HAVE TO WONDER... SLICING YOUR OPPONENTS TO PIECES, SLAUGHTERING THEM...

YOU DON'T ACTUALLY ENJOY THAT, DO YOU, HIMARI?

THERE.
DOES THIS PLEASE YOU?

RIGHT, BUT WHY ARE YOU HANGING ALL OVER ME LIKE THIS?
GYU (SQUEEZE)
HEH HEH... TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH ...

...I AM A BIT DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, YOUNG LORD.
HUH ...??
HRMPF

IF I TAKE ON THIS APPEAR-ANCE, YOU WILL NOT BE BOTH-ERED...
GYU (THRUST)
...NO MATTER HOW CLOSE I COME TO YOU, OR EVEN IF I TOUCH YOU, CORRECT?

I DO NOT SENSE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF THE AMAKAWA FAMILY'S POWER EMANATING FROM YOU.
SIGH..
I DO ADMIT THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN LONG SINCE THE OMAMORI'S SEAL BROKE, BUT IT IS A TOUCH ANTI-CLIMACTIC.
WHA...? WHA...?
I THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD AT THE LEAST BE ABLE TO HANDLE A WEAKLING SUCH AS THE ONE I JUST SLEW...
...BUT NOW YOUR SITUATION HAS ME WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE.
YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE!
I CAN'T KILL A MONSTER LIKE THAT
IT MAY BE UNREASONABLE, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE.
THE IMPOSSIBLE CANNOT BE DONE. THE UNREASONABLE CAN STILL BE DONE.
...!
ZU (SLIDE)
ズッ
WHEN YOU FEAR ME IS WHEN YOU NEED ME THE MOST.
NOW THAT YOUR ALLERGY WILL NOT INTERFERE, SHALL WE TRY SOMETHING UNREASONABLE?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ZA (ZWP)

KI (CLENCH)

WELL, IT SHOULD BE FINE. THE ONLY AYAKASHI REMAINING AROUND HERE ARE NOT POWERFUL.
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I KNOW THAT THE AYAKASHI THAT HIMARI HAS BEEN FIGHTING ARE ALL AFTER ME.
I KNOW I HAVE TO DEPEND ON HER.
.....

I'M NOT LIKE HIMARI. I'M JUST A HUMAN...
WHY IS SHE EVEN STICKING AROUND ME IN THE FIRST PLACE?
I DON'T THINK I COULD BEAT ONE OF THOSE THINGS EVEN IF I THREW A ROCK AT IT OR HAD A BAT TO BEAT IT TO DEATH WITH.
...I'M POWER-LESS, WHAT CAN I DO?
SAAAAA (WSHHHH)
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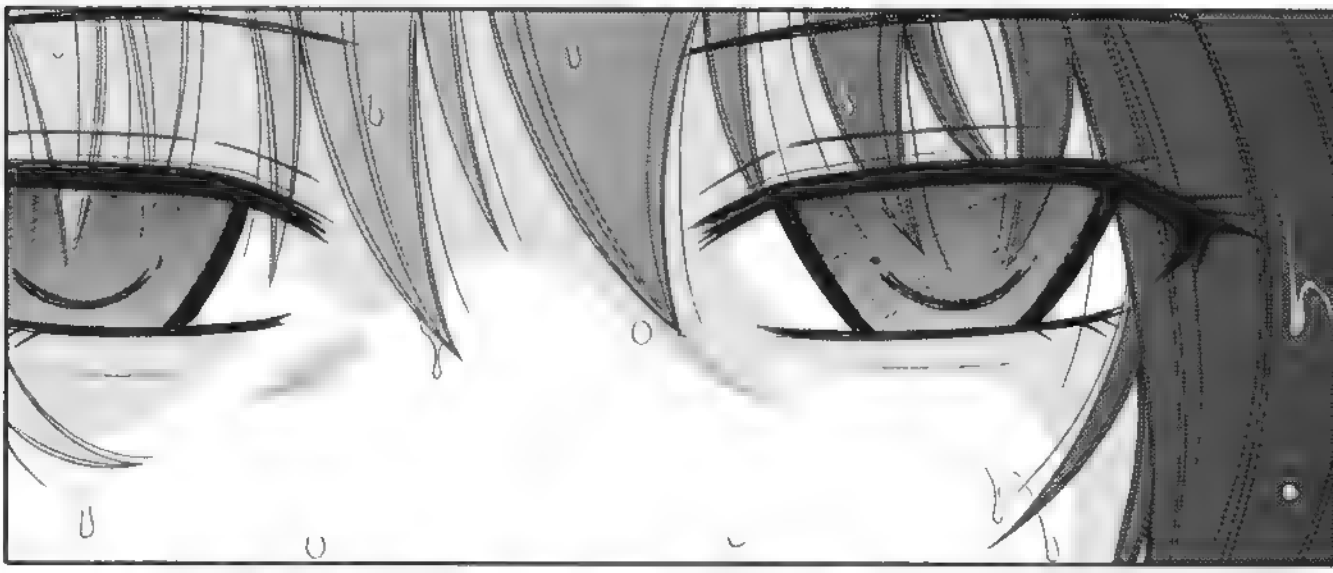
BOKO (GLUB)
I DON'T THINK IT'S JUST BECAUSE OF THAT PLEDGE SHE MADE.
HER REAL MOTIVE IS...
...HUH?

WHA...!?
...WHO THE HECK IS SHE...?



HIMARI!
I DON'T THINK SHE'S A HUMAN.
...
HIMARI.
BICHA
BICHA.....
THIS IS BAD.
BISHA (SPLISH)
BASHA (SPLASH)

PLEASE FORGET.
ぽた…
POTA (DRIP)
OR ELSE...
FORGET... EVERY-THING...
DEMON SLAYER.
...YOU WILL DIE.

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PACHA (SPLSH)
ZAZAZA (SWOOSHHH)
BASHA (SPLASH)
WHAT... THE...?
HUFF
HUFF!
HIMARI!
HIMARI!
ZA (RUSTLE)
ZA
ZA
HIMARI!

HIMA...
PASHA (SPLSH)
GASA (RUSTLE)
URK..
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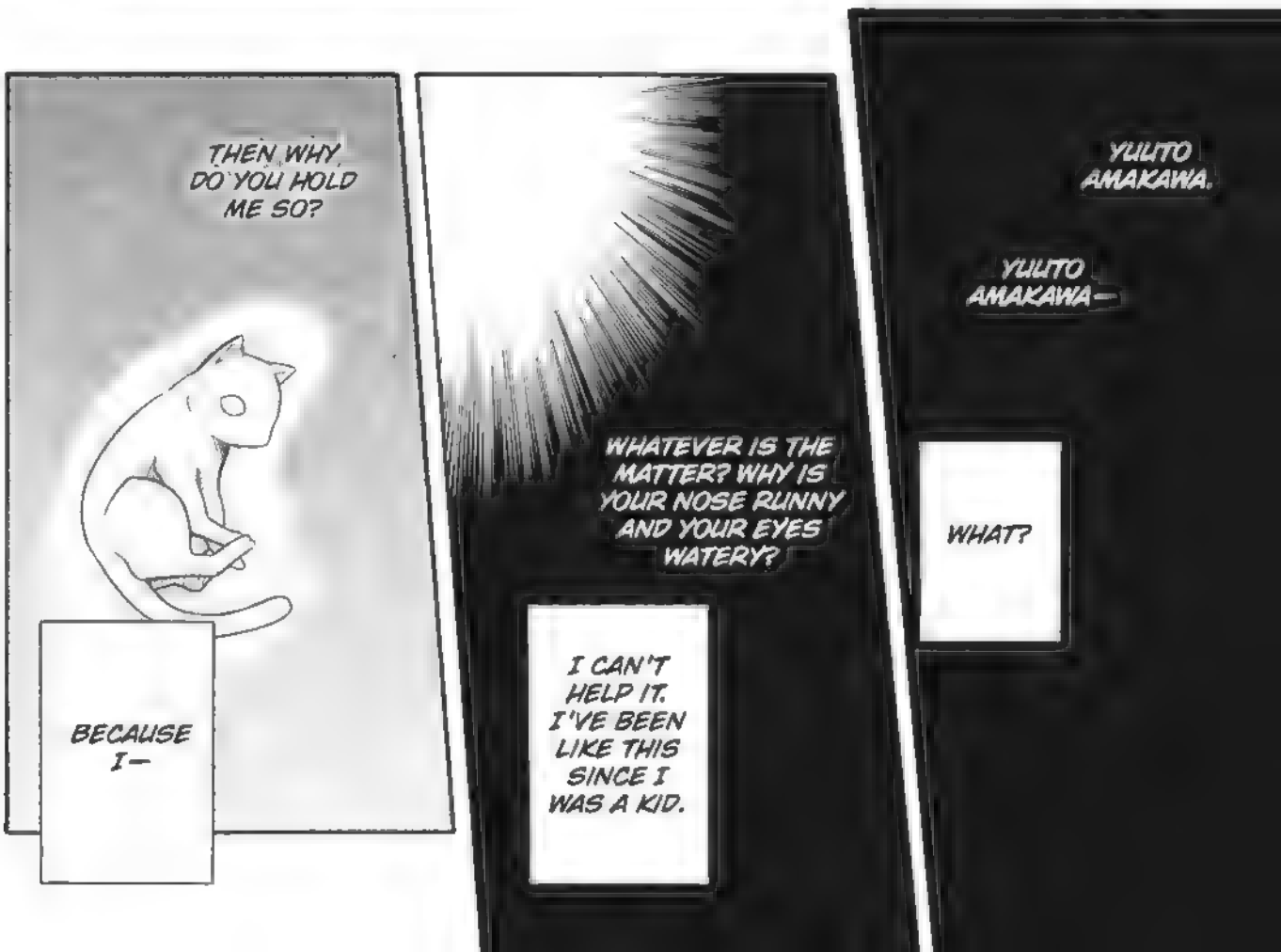
AAA
AUGH!!
A—
MEKO (KONK)

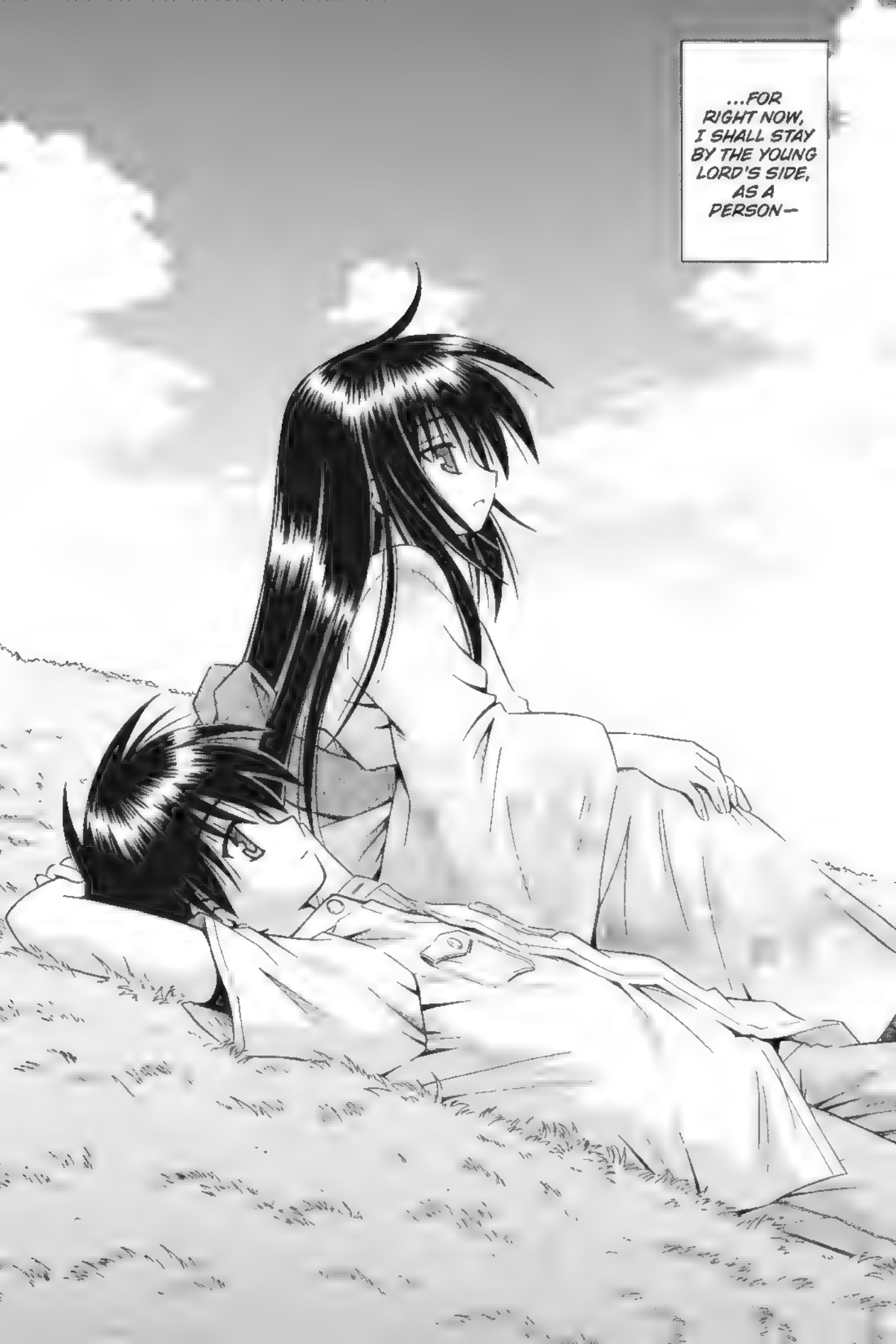
SHE'S NOT A CAT...
A-A GIRL... SHE HAS A GIRL'S BODY...


THEN WHY DO YOU HOLD ME SO?
BECAUSE I—
WHATEVER IS THE MATTER? WHY IS YOUR NOSE RUNNY AND YOUR EYES WATERY?
I CAN'T HELP IT. I'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE I WAS A KID.
YUUTO AMAKAWA.
YUUTO AMAKAWA—
WHAT?

NN...
HAVE YOU AWAKENED, YOUNG LORD?
.....
SO SOFT...
HIMARI... WAUGH!
IT IS ALL RIGHT. STAY AS YOU ARE.
I-I'M SORRY I KINDA PEEPED IN ON YOU.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE BATHING..
AH. TH-THAT IS BECAUSE I HAD WORKED UP A SWEAT...
B-BUT YOU CAME SO SUD-DENLY, EVEN I WAS BEWIL-DERED...

I WAS A BIT INSENSITIVE.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I SHOULD BE THE ONE PLEADING FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS.
NO MATTER HOW LONG IT MAY TAKE, I SHALL TEAR DOWN WHATEVER OBSTACLE MIGHT STAND IN YOUR WAY.
MY DUTY IS TO PROTECT YOU UNTIL YOUR POWERS MANIFEST.
...SHALL PROBABLY BE ME.
...THE FIRST AYAKASHI YOU SLAY...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I COULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!!
BA (FWP)
!

I JUST REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS, THAT'S ALL~!
D-DO NOT GET SO EXCITED~!
HEH HEH HEH ...
...I JEST.
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT SHALL HAPPEN TO ME WHEN THE YOUNG LORD BECOMES A DEMON SLAYER.
AFTER ALL, I TOO AM AN AYAKASHI— A MONSTER.
BUT...


...FOR RIGHT NOW, I SHALL STAY BY THE YOUNG LORD'S SIDE, AS A PERSON—

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ZAZAZA (ZWSSHH)
I MET YOU BEFORE, A LONG TIME AGO, BACK WHEN MY GRANDPARENTS WERE STILL ALIVE, DIDN'T I?
YES?
... HIMARI.
WELL, THEN... IF INDEED YOU DID MEET ME BACK THEN, YOU ARE CERTAIN TO RECALL EVENTUALLY.
OH COME ON. YOU'RE STILL HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME, AREN'T YOU?
DO YOU RECALL?
NO... IT'S JUST THAT SOME-THING'S EATING AT ME.

OF COURSE.
A LADY DOES NOT REVEAL HER SECRETS SO EASILY.
DOKI (BADUMP)
IF I REVEALED EVERYTHING TO YOU...
...YOU WOULD HAVE MUCH MORE THAN WATERY EYES AND A RUNNY NOSE. ♡

THERE IS ONE MORE THING.
THERE IS?
WELL, I GUESS IT'S TIME TO GO HOME NOW. THERE'S NOTHING ELSE YOU NEED TO DO, RIGHT?
SU (SHWP)
UM...
WHEN A YOUNG GENTLEMAN AND LADY TRAVEL TO THE MOUNTAINS ON A SUNDAY...
...THEY NEED TO HAVE A PICNIC, OR AM I MISTAKEN?
OF COURSE, WE COULD RETURN HOME WITHOUT EATING THIS LUNCH THAT I SO LOVINGLY PREPARED.
BUT IF WE DO, DO NOT BE SURPRISED IF THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF CAT HAIR SPREAD ABOUT YOUR HOUSE TOMORROW.
OKAY! OKAY! I'LL EAT IT!

I WAS SCARED, BUT I DIDN'T SENSE ANYTHING EVIL COMING FROM HER.
I SHOULD TALK TO HIMARI ABOUT IT.
OH YEAH, I FORGOT TO ASK HER... WHAT WAS THAT GIRL I SAW...?
BUT...
...NOT RIGHT NOW...
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HAMU
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HAMU
...I HATE PEOPLE WHO FAIL TO HEED WARNINGS... YOU KNOW.

MENAGERIE 4:
THE TENACIOUS CAT'S SHOPPING TRIP

UUUGH~! DO I REALLY HAVE TO GO~?
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TON (TMP)
トーン
TON

COME NOW, A GENTLEMAN SHOULD AT LEAST ACCOMPANY HIS LADY WHILE SHE SHOPS, NO?
NO, NOT WHEN SHE'S SHOPPING FOR A SWIMSUIT, AT LEAST NOT NORMALLY...

COME, YOUNG LORD, DO NOT DALLY.
I AM GOING ON AHEAD.

HEY NOIHARA-SAN.
I DID NOT HAVE A CHOICE IN THE MATTER. I SIMPLY COULD NOT REFUSE AN INVITATION FROM THE CLASS PRESIDENT.
EVERYONE'S GETTING TOGETHER TO GO SWIMMING NEXT WEEK. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME?
WHAT? ARE WE GOING TO THE BEACH? THE POOL!?
YOU'RE GONNA GO, RIGHT? RIGHT, YUUTO!?
WHOA!
...OF COURSE, I'LL BE GOING TOO.
I DO NOT OWN A SWIM-SUIT.
I MUST BUY ONE.
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
ZARI (ZSK SHU)
I'LL HELP YOU PICK SOMETHING OUT, CAT PRINCESS.
IF IT IS THE MONEY THAT WORRIES YOU, I STILL HAVE SOME REMAINING FROM WHAT YOUR GRAND-PARENTS BEQUEATHED ME.
YOU HAVE ONLY TO CHOOSE THE GARB, YOUNG LORD.
GACHA (GCHAK)
THAT'S THE PROBLEM...

OH, IF RINKO COMES TOO...
RINKO?
DON'T BE SO QUICK TO REJECT ME!
GRRR!!
I THINK NOT.
THIS DOES NOT CONCERN YOU.
すた SUTA (SHF)
SUTA
I MEAN, AS EMBARRASSING AS PICKING OUT A SWIMSUIT ALL ALONE WITH YUUTO.
HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH!
I WOULD NEVER LET HER DO SOMETHING AS LUCKY AS—
HEH-HEH-HEH~! LEAVE IT TO ME. ♡
PLEASE, RINKO, COME WITH US.
WHAT?
—BY THE WAY...
...ARE YOU GOING TO CARRY THAT SWORD AROUND EVERYWHERE?
HRM...

JUST YESTERDAY, AN AYAKASHI CONFRONTED THE YOUNG LORD IN THE BRIEF TIME HE WAS OUT OF MY SIGHT.
HUH...
HMM.
IT IS MY DUTY TO BE PREPARED TO DEFEND HIM AT ALL TIMES.
BUT OF COURSE. I AM THE SWORD THAT PROTECTS THE YOUNG LORD.
SO INDEED, THERE ARE NOT MANY HERE.
WELL, MONONOKE* AND AYAKASHI ARE NOT FOND OF CITIES BUILT BY HUMANS.
I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT EITHER AT FIRST.
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IN MONSTERS LIKE THAT.

*MONONOKE ARE VENGEFUL SPIRITS.

*THE NAME OF HIMARI'S SWORD, YASUTSUNA, MEANS "GENTLE CRANE."
BY THE WAY, RINKO...
YEAH, YEAH. WELL I HOPE NOTHING HAPPENS THAT WOULD GIVE YOU AN EXCUSE TO GO NUTS WITH THAT WALL-HANGER OF YOURS.
I MUST KEEP "YASU-TSUNA"* CLOSE AT HAND.
HOWEVER, THERE ARE DEMONS THAT RELISH THE NEGATIVE FEELINGS OF HUMANS.
CAT'S
SUMMER SALE
Bargain Shop
TePo
...ONE OF THE MONSTERS THAT YOU DO NOT BELIEVE IN...
...IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR VERY EYES.
NEW SWIMSUIT CORNER
SALE
10%OFF
20%OFF
.....

OKAY, OKAY, OKAY, WHICH KIND DO YOU LIKE?
BIKINI? ONE-PIECE? SOMETHING ELSE?
HMM.
I DO NOT RIGHTLY KNOW...IS IT BETTER TO HAVE MORE CLOTH, OR LESS?
YOUNG LORD! WHICH ONE DO YOU PREFER?
COME HITHER!
DON'T CALL ME, JUST DON'T CALL ME...
LET'S SEE...
BY THE WAY, WHAT'S YOUR BUST SIZE?
THAT IS PERVERTED
I HAVE NOT A CLUE.
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MUNYU (SQUEEZE)

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
87... NO, 88!?
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AND YOU'RE NOT WEARING A BRA, EITHER !?
GUNYU (GROPE)
GUNYU
AS IF SUCH A THING WERE NEEDED WHEN DRESSED IN JAPANESE GARB!

SFX: MUNI (SQUEEZE) MUNI MUNYUU

AAHN...
NNN...
S-STOP...
AAHH...
GUNI (GROPE)
GUNIN
GRR... I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY'RE SO BIG, AND WHEN SHE'S A CAT...
I WONDER WHAT SHE EATS TO GET THEM TO THIS SIZE...
CUT IT OUT! THAT'S OBSCENE ...
BISHI (CHOP)
URGH!
WELL, WHATEVER.
I'LL PICK SOME OUT THAT MIGHT LOOK GOOD ON YOU, AND YOU TRY THEM ON.

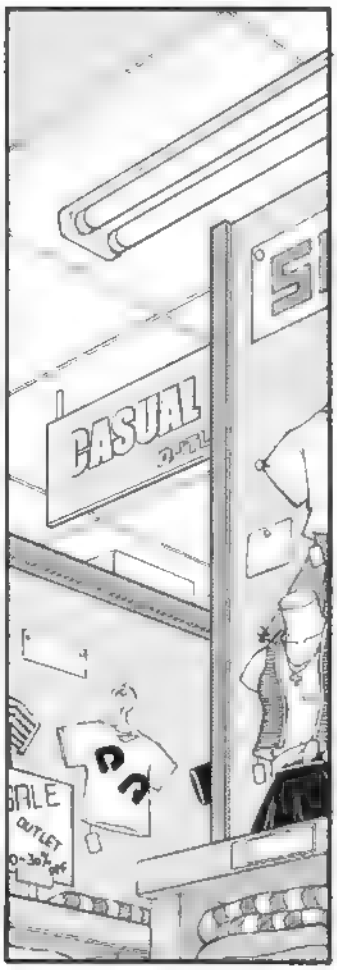
THIS IS A TANKINI. IT'S NOT AS APPEALING, BUT IT'S PROBABLY EASY TO SWING A SWORD AROUND IN.
THIS IS A HALTER. IT'S A BASIC STYLE, REALLY. AND IT'S CUTE TOO! ♡
THIS IS A ONE-PIECE WITH A SOFT SILHOUETTE. I'M NOT SURE THE FRILLS REALLY SUIT YOU, THOUGH.
I JUST CAN'T LOOK...
HMM.
I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT YOU'RE MORE THE SEXY TYPE.

WHOA...
.....
...THIS ONE.
THERE IS NOT MUCH CLOTH.
SO WE'LL JUST GO WITH A BIKINI!
HOW ABOUT THIS LOW-RISE!?
IT EVEN HAS RIBBONS FOR DECORATION!

SHE...SHE SAW RIGHT THROUGH ME, COMPLETELY... THE SECOND I THOUGHT IT LOOKED GOOD, SHE...
Y-YOU DECIDED THAT FAST...?
I SHALL TAKE THIS ONE. I SHALL CHANGE STRAIGHT-AWAY.
SHA (SHK)

THAT'S JUST HOW SWIMSUITS ARE!!
SUMMER BREEZE
WHY IS THE COST SO HIGH FOR SUCH MEAGER CLOTH?

JIIII (STARE)


CASUAL
SALE
OUTLET

YOU'RE NOT DONE SHOPPING YET?
AH! OVER THERE, THE SHOE SECTION!

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KYU (GRAB)
H-HEY, HIMARI?
WH-WHAT'S THIS ABOUT, ALL OF A SUDDEN ...
DA (DASH)
1F
.....
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. ...WHERE'S RINKO?
WHAT'S GOING ON? DON'T TELL ME SOME AYAKASHI SHOWED UP?
HI-HIMARI, WAIT A MINUTE!

YOUNG LORD.
DO YOU LIKE JAPANESE GARB?
HUH?

I-IF I DO SAY SO MY-SELF...
...I BELIEVE THIS LOOK IS RATHER APPEALING.
BECAUSE IT CREATES A CERTAIN ATMOSPHERE ...
...OR IMAGE, I SUPPOSE YOU MIGHT SAY, FOR PEOPLE.

.....
BUT, WELL ...
I...
NEVER MIND, DO NOT CONCERN YOURSELF WITH IT...
WHAT AM I SAYING...?
.....
OFF SALE
ISN'T HE THOUGH?
OOOH, HE'S HOT.

THERE'S SOME-THING I FORGOT TO BUY!
WHOOPS! OH NO!
EH?
GASH (GRAB
C'MON, LET'S GO.
Y-YOUNG LORD?
P-PLEASE DO NOT PUSH ME!
SALE
I THINK YOU LOOK GOOD IN JAPANESE GARB, HIMARI.
.....
BUT WEARING SOME CUTE WESTERN CLOTHES ONCE IN A WHILE WOULD BE NICE TOO.

WASN'T THAT HARD WHEN SHE LOOKED AT THINGS WITH SO MUCH DESIRE IN HER EYES.
THE YOUNG LORD...HE TRULY DOES UNDERSTAND ME AFTER ALL. ♡
WHY... WOULD YOU THINK THAT I DESIRE NEW CLOTHING...?
OH, I CAN TELL.
RINKO ENDED UP CHOOSING THE SWIMSUIT, AFTER ALL...
...SO I CAN AT LEAST PICK OUT SOME CLOTHES ...
MAYBE SOMETHING IN A CRISP, CLEAN WHITE ...
...WITH A RED ACCENT THAT WOULD SUIT HIMARI'S IMAGE...
HERE, TRY THIS ON.
SEE IF IT FITS.
CERTAINLY.
HAH!
HN?
GUI (YANK)

OWW... WHAT'S GOING ON?
QUIET.
SHA (SHK)
BA (BWSH)
WAUGH!?
.....
I FORGOT MY CELL PHONE IN MY ROOM ...
...GEEZ! WHERE DID THOSE TWO GO OFF TO!?
AND YUUTO WON'T EVEN ANSWER HIS CELL PHONE EITHER!!
...
...WHY DO WE HAVE TO HIDE?
YOUNG LORD.

A-A-A-ARE YOU CRAZY!?
PLEASE DRESS ME, YOUNG LORD... ♡
ZURU (SLIDE)
NO...
!
DON (THMP)
EH!?
I KNOW NOT HOW TO DON WESTERN GARB.
ZU (ZWP)
AH
YOU SAW ME NAKED JUST YESTERDAY, DID YOU NOT?
TH-THAT WAS ONLY FOR A SEC-OND ~!!

PLEASE DON'T... SERIOUSLY
IF YOU DO NOT DRESS ME...I SHALL BRING OUT MY EARS AND TAIL AND MEOW.
ACK!
UNIFORM!
YOU WEAR A SCHOOL UNIFORM ALL THE TIME!
DRAT. YOU SAW THROUGH MY RUSE.

I HAVE IT ON NOW, YOUNG LORD!
SHA (SHK)
KURU (TWIRL)
TA-DA!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? ♡

WAUGH... S-SO CUTE...!!
.....
...I SHALL PURCHASE THIS ONE.
YOU ARE SO EASY TO READ, YOUNG LORD ♡
THAT WAS FAST!!
ARE YOU SURE? I THOUGHT THAT GIRLS...
...HAD FUN WORRYING OVER WHICH CLOTHES TO BUY.
WORRYING DOES NOT SUIT ME.
I LIKE THIS ONE.
OH, OKAY. THEN AT LEAST TRY ONE MORE...
NO NEED.

THIS IS THE FIRST OUTFIT THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR ME, YOUNG LORD.
I SHALL NOT FIND ANY GARB BETTER THAN THIS TODAY.

WAUGH!
IF YOU PURCHASED ME MANY OUTFITS, THIS ONE WOULD NOT BE AS SPECIAL! ♡
S-SHE'S A CAT FOR CRYING OUT LOUD
DOK (BADUMP)
DOK!
URK... NOT GOOD. SHE JUST STRUCK ME OUT...
GYU (SQUEEZE)
SHOPKEEP! SHOPKEEP THERE! I SHALL PURCHASE THIS.
YES?
URGH... OH YEAH, SHE DOESN'T HAVE A BRA ON RIGHT NOW...
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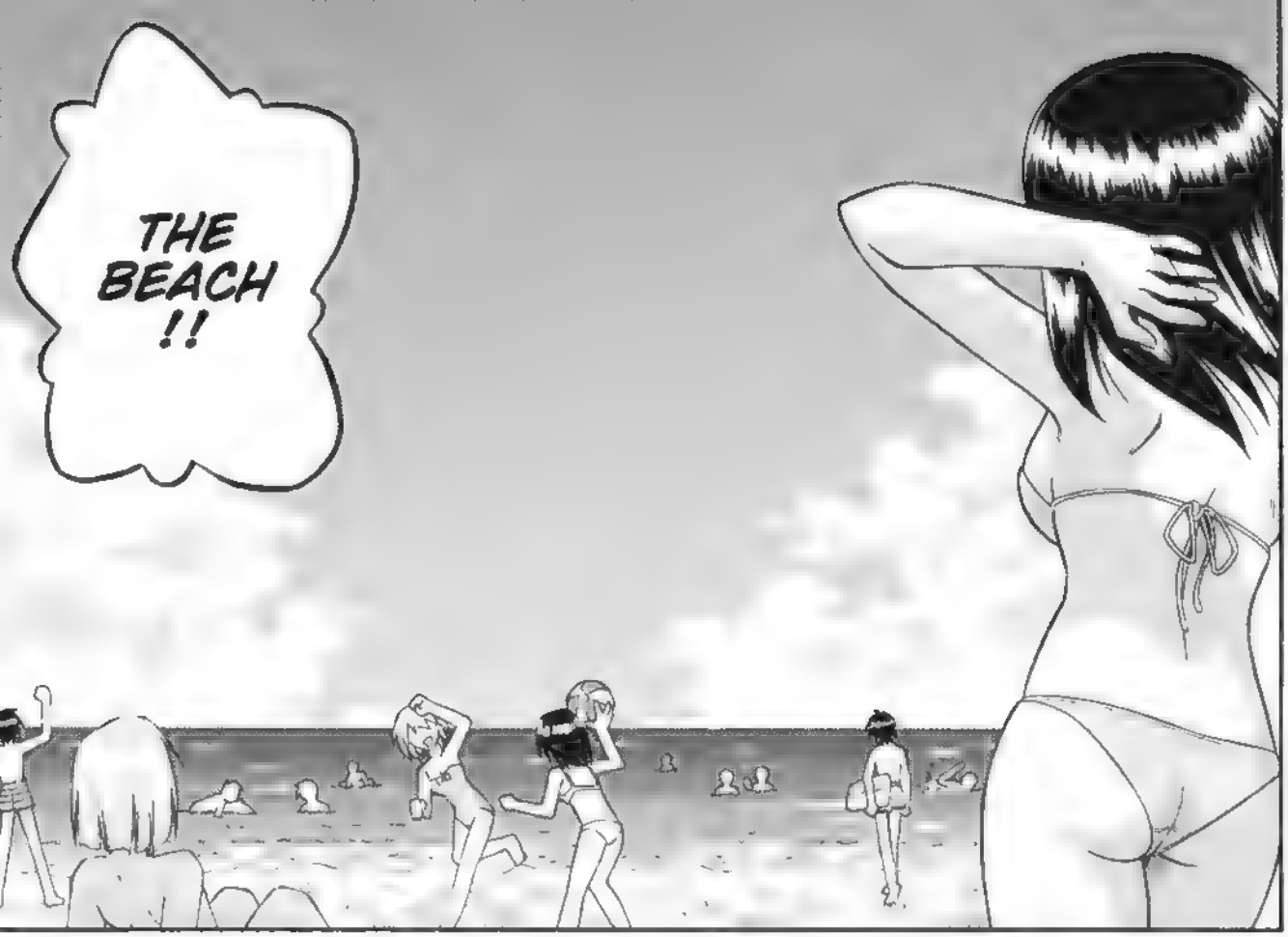
I SHALL WEAR IT HOME. ♡
I COULD SEE IT IN MY MIND—IF SHE STARTED JUMPING UP AND DOWN, HER BREASTS WERE GOING TO BOUNCE ALL OVER THE PLACE. SO I BEGAN THINKING OF WAYS TO DISTRACT THE OTHER GUYS.
Summer

SFX: MUNI (SQUISH) MUNYU

JUST LEFT ME ALL ALONE AND WENT OFF AND ENJOYED YOURSELVES, DID YOU?
...WELL, WELL, WELL, IT SURE SOUNDS LIKE YOU TWO HAD A LOT OF FUN.
MEOW!

DOESN'T "OH, I WANT TO BUY SOME CUTE CLOTHES FOR RINKO-CHAN TOO!♡" EVER OCCUR TO YOU?
PLEASE STOP SPREADING RANMARU'S FUR ALL OVER THE PLACE..
UH, W-WELL... SORRY.
PUCHI (PLUCK)
PUCHI

WELL!?
SIR, YES, SIR! I'D BE HONORED TO BUY YOU SOME CLOTHES!
GYUU (SQUEEZE)


THE BEACH!!

MERI (WHACK)
WRONG!! SOMETHING MORE EROTIC!!

SUM-MER! THE BEACH! GIRLS IN SWIM-SUITS!!
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN THOSE THREE THINGS COME TOGETHER, DON'T YOU, YUUTO!?
UUM, GO SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN?

TAIZOU... I THINK YOU'RE GETTING AHEAD OF YOURSELF THERE.
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A MAN? DOESN'T IT GIVE YOU CHILLS WHEN YOU SEE THOSE GIRLS!?

MENAGERIE 5 : "SEA-CAT" SCRAMBLE

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PURUN (JIGGLE)
DON'T SAY THAT! JUST LOOK AT NOIHARA-SAN'S CHEST!!
I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO ASK WHERE YOUR BLOOD'S RUSHING TO
AHH...MY BLOOD'S RUSHING AND PUMPING, AND MY THOUGHTS ARE RIDING WAVES OF NAUGHTI-NESS... ♡
IF YOU GET YOURSELF BURNED BY A CLASSMATE NOW, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A HECK OF A LOT OF PROBLEMS LATER, SO JUST STOP.
YOU KNOW THE KIDS FROM THE OTHER CLASSES CALL HER "THE MYSTERIOUS BEAUTIFUL TRANS-FER STUDENT WITH THE BIG BREASTS," RIGHT?
I CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY GET TO SEE HER IN A SWIMSUIT!
WELL, THEY WERE SOFT...
THEY'RE SO BIG AND ROUND... SHE'S GOT EVERY BOY IN THE SCHOOL AFTER HER!
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SFX: WAKI WAKI (RILED UP)
WHAT WAS THAT, ASS-HOLE?
I'LL SNAP YOUR NECK!
Y-YOU WERE JUST HEARING THINGS. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
GUGU (SQUEEEEZE)

*THE ORGINAL CHAPTER TITLE TITLE IS "UMINEKO," WHICH LITERALLY MEANS "SEA-CAT," BUT CAN ALSO REFER TO A SEA GULL.

LET'S PICK A SPOT AND GET SET UP.
IF YOU DON'T REIN IN YOUR PERVERTED THOUGHTS THIS MINUTE, I'M GONNA THROW YOU INTO THE OCEAN!
ZUN (ZWOOSH)
ボ…
MY BRAINS ARE ALL WORKED UP, AND MY PRIMITIVE LIBIDO IS—
URK
HMM …
WHAT'S WRONG, HIMARI? WHY THE LONG FACE?
…IT IS NOTHING.
NIKO (SMILE)
REALLY? WELL, OKAY…
I'M GOING TO GO RENT US A PARASOL.
COME WITH ME, YUUTO.
OKAY.
THANKS!

PHEW...
MAYBE WE COULD GET SOME DRINKS FOR EVERYONE ON THE WAY.
OKAY!
DRAGON BEACH HOUSE
BEACH
RESTAURANT
SEA FOOD
.....
NICE.
...H-HEY, YUUTO. I JUST BOUGHT A NEW SWIMSUIT TOO. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HN?
I THINK IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU. IT'S CUTE.

IT'S CUTE...
IT'S CUTE...
IT'S CUTE...
OOOOOHHH...
YES! YES! YES!!
GEH HEH HEH
GU (CLENCH)
?
HEY, DID YOU SEE IT? THIS REALLY PALE LITTLE GIRL ATE FIFTEEN SHAVED ICES!
WAIT, I THOUGHT IT WAS SIXTEEN?
ISN'T ANYONE GOING TO STOP HER?
...SURE ARE SOME WEIRD PEOPLE OUT THERE.
IF CAT PRINCESSES CAN EXIST, ANYTHING CAN.
SHARI (CRUNCH)
SHARI
COME ON, LET'S GET THAT PARASOL.
PARASOLS 800 yen/day

Y-YES, MA'AM!
WHOA~
I'LL TAKE ANOTHER... YOU KNOW.
IS YOUR STOMACH OKAY?
ATE IT ALL
PAKU (CHOMP)
PAKU
HE'S HERE ...
HE'S GOT GUTS COMING TO A PLACE LIKE THIS, THAT HAS A LOT OF WATER... YOU KNOW.

YOUNG LORD.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HIMARI? AREN'T YOU GOING TO GET IN THE WATER?
.....
I AM HERE FOR YOU, SO DO NOT WORRY, PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELF.
NIKO (SMILE)
ZAZA (SWSSSHH)
HMMM-? SO THE KITTY-CAT DOES HATE WATER AFTER ALL-?
GIKU (JUMP)
SHE'S FINE GETTING IN THE BATH, SO HOW COULD SHE HATE THE WATER?
TH-THAT IS NOT TRUE AT ALL!
YOU DOLT!
HMM -!

H-HEY?
SINCE YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, AT LEAST ENJOY YOURSELF
CATS LIKE FISH, RIGHT? I'LL LET YOU BORROW THAT.
GYU (SQUEEZE)
BAN (BAM)
I'LL BET...SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT WHEN IT GETS SO DEEP SHE CAN'T REACH THE GROUND!
HOW CUTE! ♥
A KILLER WHALE IS NOT A FISH, RINKO.
...THANK YOU.
ZAZAAA (ZWSSSSHHH)
WAUGH!
AH!
BASHA (SPLASH)

SFX: ZAAAA (ZWSSSSHHH)
ZAZAAAN (ZWSSSHH)
KYAAAH!
HEY, HEY WHAT'S WITH TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION?
GYU (HUG)
NOW, TO VIEW THE PARADISE UNDER WATER ♡
THAT LETCH—
WANNA KILL HIM..?
KYAAAH
.....
PUKA
PUKA (FLOAT)
HIMARI...
ALAS...I JUST CANNOT CALM DOWN.
CHAPU (SPLISH)
CHAPU

THIS IS WRETCHED... MERE WATER HAS FRIGHTENED ME SINCE I WAS BUT A CHILD...
I JUST REAL-IZED...
...I HAVE FLOATED OUT RATHER FAR FROM SHORE.
WH-WHAT DO I DO...?
ZAAAN (ZWSSSHH)
ZABA (ZWBSSH)
MEEOOW!?
ARE YOU OKAY, HIMARI?
YOU FLOATED OUT PRETTY FAR.
Y-YOUNG LORD? DO NOT FRIGHTEN ME LIKE THAT, FOOL!
I WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SO I CAME TO CHECK ON YOU.

SHIPOOON (SPROOOOING)
ZAZAAN (ZWOOSSSHH)
BLURG
I COULD HAVE DIED!
HOLD YOUR TONGUE! LEAVE ME BE!
DODODODODO (ROOOOAAARRR)
GABO (GLUB)
H-HEY, DON'T STRUGGLE.
DON'T THRASH ...!
SQUEEZE
PWAH!
ZABA (ZWABOOSH)
GABO
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HUFF HUFF.
WHEEZE WHEEZE.
DOKI (BOMP)
HUFF HUFF.
WH-WHAT?
I DO NOT SEE THE KILLER WHALE.
R-REALLY?
UH-OH... WHAT KIND OF SITUATION DID I GET MYSELF INTO...
かあ.
KAA (BLUSH)
YOUNG LORD.
AND THIS FEELING...
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HIMARI...YOUR BIKINI TOP SLID UP...YOU SHOULD FIX IT.
I DO NOT WISH TO.
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MUNYU (SQUISH)

IF I LET GO RIGHT NOW, I WILL DROWN! I WILL DROWN TO DEATH!
IT- IT'S OKAY, I'LL HOLD YOU.
H-HER NIPPLES ARE RUBBING AGAINST ME...!!
AH
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GWA UGH !!

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GOBOB…
WHAT... THE...
DEMON SLAYER, DESCENDANT OF THE AMAKAWA FAMILY...
A LOATHSOME CREATURE WHO USES AYAKASHI AND SUBJUGATES THEM...
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SU (SHFF)
POTA (DRIP)
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POTA

UGHN...
!!
BICHA (SPLSH)
Y-YOU'RE... THE GIRL WHO CAME OUT OF THE RIVER ...!!
I GAVE YOU...A WARNING.
IF YOU AWAKEN AS A DEMON SLAYER... IT WILL DESTROY THE BALANCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND AYAKASHI.
WHAT ...?

IT IS TIME YOU MADE YOUR CHOICE... YOU KNOW.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN INVALID WHO CANNOT SPEAK, OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO JUST DIE?
ZAZA (SHSSSHH)
ZUBA (ZWABOOSH)
PAN (SMACK)
BYU (BWSH)

HIMARI!?
ARE YOU UNHARMED, YOUNG LORD? ♡
THE CRIMSON BLADE OF NOI-HARA...
EVEN NOW YOU CONTINUE TO SIDE WITH THE AMAKAWA, YOU WRETCHED TRAITOR...
A MIZUCHI THAT CONTROLS WATER...
NOT ONLY DO I NOT HAVE YASUTSUNA, BUT I AM AT A DISADVAN-TAGE HERE AT THE OCEAN...
ZA (ZWSH)
TURNING WATER INTO ICICLES... YOU ARE A MIZUCHI,* I PRESUME?
I CER-TAINLY AM... YOU KNOW.

*A MIZUCHI IS A RIVER GOD, SOMETIMES SAID TO TAKE THE FORM OF A DRAGON.

YOUNG LORD, MY APOLO-GIES, BUT PLEASE BEAR WITH ME.
PIN (POIT)
I DO NOT BELIEVE IT SHALL SET YOUR ALLER-GIES OFF.
HIMARI?
I AM ALREADY DRENCHED, ANYWAY.
NYURUN (WRIGGLE)
RUN, YOUNG LORD!
WHAT AN ASININE MOVE... YOU KNOW.
I'LL KILL YOU BEFORE I KILL HIM...
BA (BWSH)

I JUST REPLENISHED MY POWER, WHICH GAVE ME MORE WATER TO USE... YOU KNOW.
GOT YOU.
HEH-HEH.
DOBA (BWOOOSH)
HIMARI!!
WH-WHY ARE YOU DALLYING? RUN, NOW...!
BASHA (SPLASH)
NBLRGH...!?
YOU REALLY SHOULD RUN RIGHT NOW...
DO (ROAR)
IF THAT CAT WAS NOT HERE, I COULD KILL YOU AT ANY TIME...
.....
DO

I...
I'M NOT GONNA RUN!!
DA (DASH)
!
REACH OUT YOUR HAND, HIMARI!
I'LL PULL YOU OUT OF THERE!!
(OOOOOOOOO (RUOOOOOAAAAARRRR)
.....!
GOOOO (GWOOOOR)
THAT WATER CAGE...
BASHA (SPLASH)
HE'S FOOLISH, YOU KNOW...
HE'S A DEMON SLAYER— WHY IS HE SAVING AN AYAKASHI ...?

ONCE YOU GO IN, YOU NEVER COME OUT... YOU KNOW.
HAAH... YOU KNOW.
GABON (GLUB)
FOOL, WHY DO YOU NOT RUN AWAY ...!!
GOOOO (GWOOOOR)
HIMARI ...!!
GASHI (GRAB)
.....!

HOLDING HANDS, HMM...?
THE DEMON SLAYERS OF THE AMAKAWA ARE ODD... YOU KNOW.
BUT IF I LET HIM LIVE, WE AYAKASHI WILL...
OH NO! IF THIS PERSISTS, THE YOUNG LORD WILL DROWN...
I HAVE NO CHOICE...!
GOBO (GULUB)
GOBO
ZASHU (ZWOOSH)
GOOOO (GWOOOOR)

SHE WOULDN'T ...YOU KNOW.
GOOOO (GWOOOOR)
THE WATER CAGE TURNED RED...?
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JIWA (OOZE)
ZAAAA (ZWSSSSHHH)
IT IS FORTUNATE FOR US THAT YOUR ICICLES ARE SLOW TO MELT.
BASHA (SPLASH)
GACK.
SWALLOWED WATER
COUGH ...
!!
ZAAAA

YOU ARE ONLY CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING REGULAR WATER.
IF ANOTHER AYAKASHI'S BLOOD BECOMES MIXED INTO IT, YOU CANNOT CONTROL IT.
HEH-HEH. JUST AS I THOUGHT...
YOU SURE ARE... RECKLESS...
ZAZAAAAA (ZWSSSSHHHH)
THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE WATER... HERE.
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WH-WHO CARES ABOUT THAT, YOU KNOW ...
YOU HAD BEST RUN THIS TIME, YOUNG LORD.
I SHALL DELAY HER LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO ESCAPE FAR AWAY FROM THE WATER.
HIMARI.
YOU...
STOP IT!!
... HIMARI!?
YORO (STAGGER)
YES... YOU ARE CORRECT.

YOU GOT HURT BAD JUST TO SAVE ME...
DO YOU THINK I'D BE HAPPY I WAS SAVED IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU?

STOP SACRI-FICING YOUR-SELF FOR ME!!
Y... YOUNG LORD?
I DON'T WANT THAT!!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? IT IS MY DUTY TO PROTECT YOU...
WELL, I DON'T WANT YOUR PROTEC-TION!
.....
ANYWAY, LET'S JUST THINK OF A WAY TO GET AWAY FROM HERE.
HE'S...YUUTO AMAKAWA...?
WHAT'S WITH HIM...?
TO (TMP)
AND THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THAT CAT OR WHATEVER SHE IS... YOU KNOW.
BA (BWSH)
!

...I'LL WITHDRAW FOR TODAY, OUT OF RESPECT FOR THAT SIMPLE FOOL OF A DEMON SLAYER.
...YOU KNOW.
BUT I WILL KILL YOU BEFORE YOU AWAKEN ...
ERADICATE...?
...AND BEGIN TO ERADICATE ALL AYA-KASHI.
RE-MEMBER THAT... YOU KNOW...
PACHA (SPLASH)
.....

YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED THAT FLEDGLING DEMON SLAYER, BUT YOU LET HIM GO, DIDN'T YOU?
WHY IS THAT, SHIZUKU?
MENAGERIE 6: THE CAT AND A DROP
THEY'LL GO AROUND KILLING US "STRANGE CREATURES" AND CLAIM THEY'RE ONLY PROTECTING HUMANS. IT'S DANGEROUS TO JUST LET THEM GO.
BUT HE HAS THE CRIMSON BLADE OF NOIHARA WITH HIM.
WE CAN'T DO ANY-THING UNTIL WE KILL HER FIRST.
DON'T BE STUPID! IF WE DON'T DO SOME-THING NOW, WE'LL BE THE ONES WHO ARE DRIVEN OUT!!
SHIZUKU. THEY EVEN MASSACRED YOUR FAMILY...
SHUT UP... YOU KNOW.
THERE IS SOME-THING I WISH TO CONFIRM FIRST... YOU KNOW.

*THE "DROP" IN THE CHAPTER TITLE REFERS TO A DROP OF WATER ("SHIZUKU"), WHICH SOUNDS THE SAME AS SHIZUKU'S NAME BUT IS WRITTEN WITH DIFFERENT CHARACTERS.

MENAGERIE 6:
THE CAT AND A DROP

DO YOU THINK I'D BE HAPPY I WAS SAVED IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU?
STOP SACRIFICING YOURSELF FOR ME!!
YOU ARE NAIVE, YOUNG LORD...
.....
WHY IS IT YOU FAIL TO UNDER-STAND THAT...?
IF WE FAIL TO MAKE THE PROPER PREPARATIONS, WE SHALL NEVER MAKE IT THROUGH THE BATTLE WITH THE AYAKASHI.

I NEED YOU TO BRACE YOURSELF.
YOUR AWAKENING IS PRO-GRESSING SLOWLY— WHICH IS ALL THE MORE REASON WHY WE MUST BE READY.
...OH, IT IS RINKO.
OH, THE CAT-GIRL. ARE YOUR WOUNDS HEALED NOW?
HMPH. THIS IS BUT A SMALL WOUND. ALL I NEED TO DO IS LICK IT, AND IT WILL HEAL.
YOUR TONGUE CAN REACH ALL THE WAY TO YOUR THIGH?
HELLO!! HOW ARE YOU DOING TODAY, YUUTO?
BA (BWSH)

...WAIT, YOU DIDN'T MAKE YUUTO L-LICK THERE, DID YOU...!?
BIKU (TWITCH)
AH... AAHH...
PICHA (LICK)
PICHA
F-FOOL! WHAT SORT OF EMBARRASSING THINGS ARE RUNNING THROUGH YOUR HEAD!?
SIGH.
I'M SURPRISED, THOUGH. EVEN THOUGH WE WENT TO THE BEACH TO RELAX...
...YOU ENDED UP GETTING HURT.
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED? IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT STABBED.
IT IS NOTHING. DO NOT ASK.
WELL, WHATEVER.

I AM THE SWORD THAT PROTECTS THE YOUNG LORD—
I MUST NOT SEEK COMPENSATION.

WHAT!? IT'S ALMOST LUNCHTIME!!
HE IS STILL SLEEPING.
IT IS SUMMER VACATION; BUT STILL
GISHI (GSH)
DOKA (THWUMP)
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—SO, WHERE'S YUUTO?
!
COULD YOU PLEASE BE LENIENT WITH HIM?
HE TENDED TO ME WHILE I WAS SLEEPING.
SINCE YOU MADE SUCH A FUSS OVER IT, WE HAVE NOT SHARED A BED RECENTLY.
DON'T TELL ME YOU SLEPT IN YUUTO'S BED AGAIN ...?
OH, RINKO'S HERE? MORNING!

YOUNG LORD...
GEEZ, WHAT TIME DO YOU THINK IT IS!?
OH, HIMARI... HOW'S YOUR LEG...?
F-FINE.
IT IS DOING WELL. DO NOT WORRY.
G-GREAT ...
I'M ALL SWEATY, SO I'M GOING TO GET IN THE SHOWER.
OKAY, AND WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT, I'LL MAKE SOMETHING TO EAT.
PHEW— ...

HIMARI GOT HURT PROTECTING ME.
THIS IS KIND OF AWKWARD... IT'S HARD TO FACE HER.
I'M NOT... REALLY SURE HOW I FEEL ABOUT THAT.
PACHA (SPLISH)
BUKU
BUKU (BLUB)
BUT I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO CHANGE. I WANT MY LIFE TO STAY LIKE IT WAS—
ALL OF A SUDDEN, I'M BEING CALLED A DEMON SLAYER...
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WHAT'S THIS...?
...HN?
WHY IS THERE SO MUCH HAIR
BASHA (SPLASH)

SFX: POTA (DRIP) POTA

...IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, THE USUAL REACTION WOULD BE SCREAMING "AAAUGH! NOO!" OR SLAPPING YOU IN THE FACE...
WHICH DO YOU PREFER? ...YOU KNOW.
G...GYAAAUGH!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, YUUTO? I'M COMING IN...!!
I WON'T LOOK!!
BAN (BAM)

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PICHOOOOOON
(DRIIIIIIIP)

YOUNG LORD, DUCK UNDER THE WATER !!
WAAAAUGH!
ZAZA (SWISH)
TH-THE BODY OF A DROWNED GIRL... IN-IN THE BATH...

ZANSHI
(SWOOSH)

I'M IMPRESSED, CRIMSON BLADE. YOU HANDLE YOUR KATANA WELL IN SUCH TIGHT QUARTERS, YOU KNOW.
!
BLUB BLUB BLUB ...!
ごぼぼ
GOBO (GLUB)
ぱちゃ
PACHA (SPLSH)
BUT... YOU CAN'T CUT ME NOW.
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GYU (SQUEEZE)
YU-YUUTO.
.....

Y-YOU'RE AFTER ME AGAIN...?
WHY...?
.....
...ABOUT ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, MY WHOLE FAMILY WAS SLAUGHTERED BY...
...ONE OF THE TWELVE DEMON-SLAYING FAMILIES, THE JIBASHIRI ...YOU KNOW.
WE LIVED IN LAKES...SO THE HUMANS WORSHIPPED US AS WATER GODS, THOUGH WE NEVER BESEECHED THEM TO DO SO.
THEY MADE SACRIFICES TO US. THEY SUBJUGATED US...YOU KNOW.
.....
WE WERE MERELY TRYING TO... LIVE OUR LIVES.
WHAT DOES IT MATTER? THE YOUNG LORD HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT!
OH YES, HE DOES.

DEMON SLAYERS ARE EVIL... YOU KNOW.
GYU (SQUEEZE)
SFX: BUKU (BLUB) BUKU BUKU
THINK... WHY IS THIS GIRL TRYING TO KILL ME? IS IT BECAUSE OF A GRUDGE? OR BECAUSE I'M A DEMON SLAYER?
BUT I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT AT- A...T...
Y-YOUNG LORD!?
IT APPEARS HE BE- CAME... LIGHT- HEADED AND FAINTED, YOU KNOW.
AAAUGH! YU-YUUTO!!

DAD, MOM—
WE'LL KEEP LIVING OUR LIVES LIKE NORMAL.
LET'S GO, YUUTO. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO WHAT YOUR GRANDPOP SAYS.
YUUTO-
GEEZ, DON'T BE SUCH A PAIN!!
YOUNG LORD!
YOU'RE AWAKE? ...YOU KNOW.
ACK!
PACHI (SNAP)
I DID NOT LOOK!
I DIDN'T LOOK!
HUH? ...I WAS IN THE BATH, AND I GOT LIGHT-HEADED...
AH!
.....
GYAA UGH!!
THEY MOST CER-TAINLY DID LOOK.

...LOOKING AT YOU GUYS, FIGHTING YOU WOULD BE POINTLESS.
HAAH.
WE... WE DID NOT HAVE ANY CHOICE IN THE MATTER! YOU WERE DRENCHED, THUS WE HAD TO WIPE YOU DRY!
AND WE HAD TO PUT CLOTHES ON YOU...
THAT'S ENOUGH ...
...I NEVER WANTED TO FIGHT YOU ANYWAY.
AND HIMARI ONLY FOUGHT YOU BECAUSE YOU AT-TACKED ME.
...WHO IS GOING TO PROVE IT...YOU KNOW.
HUH?
...THAT IS FOR CERTAIN.

HOW WILL YOU PROVE THAT YOU ARE A DEMON SLAYER WHO DOESN'T ATTACK AYAKASHI!? YOU KNOW!!
ANSWER ME, YUUTO AMAKAWA!!
.....
ANSWER ME, DEMON SLAYER!!
HOW WILL YOU SILENCE THE HOWLS OF RESENTMENT FROM THE AYAKASHI WHO HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERED!? YOU KNOW!!

HMPH.
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YURAA (SHIMMER)
STAND BACK, YOUNG LORD.
SHURA (SSHHK)
HER LOT DO NOT LEARN THEIR LESSON UNLESS YOU CARVE IT INTO THEM.
WAIT, WAIT, HIMARI. CALM DOWN!
UNHAND ME! FACE THE REALITY, YOUNG LORD!
I AM ONLY THINKING OF YOU...!
THEN PUT YOUR SWORD AWAY!
UUGH...
UH, THE CAT EARS ARE SHOWING AND GIVING HIM A RUNNY NOSE...
WHY... DOES HE HAVE A RUNNY NOSE, AND WHY IS HE CRYING... YOU KNOW?
YUUTO HAS AN ALLERGY TO CATS!
ALLERGY?
UMM, TO PUT IT SIMPLY, IT'S LIKE HIS BODY OVER-REACTS.
IT'S PRETTY HARD TO LIVE WITH.

EVEN THOUGH HAVING HER CLOSE TO HIM MAKES HIM SUFFER?
HE LETS HER SERVE HIM EVEN THOUGH IT CAUSES HIS BODY TO OVERREACT?
I UNDERSTAND HIM EVEN LESS THAN I THOUGHT I DID...YOU KNOW.
YOU'RE RIGHT, I CAN'T OFFER YOU ANY PROOF.
YUUTO AMA-KAWA...
BUT KILLING EACH OTHER JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE AN AYAKASHI AND I'M A DEMON SLAYER...
...JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!!

...THAT MAKES ME HAPPY...
BUT...
THE YOUNG LORD IS TOO KIND...
YOUNG LORD ...
GYU (HUG)
THAT IS ENOUGH.

I UNDER-STAND.
THAT IS ENOUGH, YOUNG LORD.
.....
CATS ARE SO SLY!
WHA...!?
I JUST WANT TO LIVE A REGULAR LIFE...WITH YOU IN IT, HIMARI.
YOU—WHATEVER IT IS YOU CALL YOURSELVES—HAVE A GRUDGE BECAUSE YOUR NORMAL LIVES GOT TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU, RIGHT?
BUT YOU KNOW...
...AREN'T YOU DOING THE EXACT SAME THING TO SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANY-THING TO DO WITH IT?

A PEACEFUL LIFE...
.....
THEN... IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN...
...I'LL STAY HERE AS WELL... YOU KNOW.
HUH?
PIN (POIT)
GUSHU (SNIFF)

YUUTO! YOU'RE SUCH A PUSH-OVER!!
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS...
I'M GOING TO BE OBSERVING YOU VERY CLOSELY, SO PREPARE YOURSELF... YOU KNOW.
H-HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOU! WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO DECIDE SOME-THING LIKE THAT!?
IF YOU SAY THAT A CAT-DEMON CAN STAY BUT I CAN'T...THAT WOULD MAKE YOU A HYPOCRITE ...YOU KNOW.
...YOU KNOW?
UH... AH... RIGHT.
GIRORIN (GLARE)
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE HERE, YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR SKIN COLOR! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU DROWNED OR SOME-THING!!
YOU'RE ALSO FORBIDDEN FROM DRIPPING ALL OVER THE PLACE!
AND YOU HAVE TO HELP OUT WITH THE HOUSEHOLD CHORES!
...YOU ARE SO NIT-PICKY, YOU KNOW...

TO BE CONTINUED...

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